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1. The Chernomore coal mine is located two kilometers south of the village of Rudnik, near Burgas. The mine has two shafts: one at 130 meters underground, called 9th September, and another 400 meters away and 98 meters underground, called Dimitur Blagoev.
2. The coal taken from these shafts is brown in color and is primarily used by the electric power plant located about 500 meters west of the shafts. Any surplus coal is sent to Burgas.
3. During the period between May 1949 and November 1949, the Dimitur Blagoev shaft was shut down and a complete renovation effected.
4. The mine employs about 400 men for both shafts. The 9th of September shaft works on three shifts, employing 110 men on the first shift, 90 men on the second shift and 100 men on the third shift. The balance of the men are divided into two shifts in the Dimitur Blagoev shaft.
5. The coal is brought out of the mine by elevators carrying two small coal cars and transported outside by a miniature train. The mine has its own separator for cleaning the coal.
6. The daily wages of workers in the mine are 560 leva for a master miner, 500 leva for a miner's helper, and 320 leva for ordinary laborers.
7. The general condition of the workers is poor. In the communal dining room food is scarce and of poor quality; very often the second shift would find no food at all.
8. Some of the important personalities in the mine are as follows:
 - a. Director of the mine and the electric power plant - Engineer Stefanov.
 - b. Technical Director of the mine - Engineer Penev.
 - c. Chief Superintendent of the mine - Petur Yordanov.
 - d. Deputy Superintendent and Shift Foreman - Platon Brantinski.
 - e. Deputy Superintendent and Shift Foreman - Stefan Hristov.
 - f. Deputy Superintendent and Shift Foreman - Simeon Angelov.

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